

## CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

RECORD OF  
COMMUNICATION☐ Phone Call☒ Other (specify)☐ MeetingNon-filer ISWP Inspection

## PARTIES

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4801 Feather River Blvd., #16  
Oroville, Butte County  
Owner William Hill

DATE: 2/16/12

TIME: 1100 a.m.

\* Party Initiating Communication

SUBJECT: Conduct Non-filer ISWP inspection

FILE: WDID Non-filer

## SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION:

Conducted a Non-filer ISWP inspection for this industrial site that does not have current ISW permit coverage. I contacted Carole Mills, Office Manager and explained that I was going to conduct a site inspection; she contacted Mr. Hill who was not available and therefore Mr. Mike Rutz, General Manager, accompanied me on the site inspection. The site had numerous workers working on houseboats (painting, welding) in the front parking lot (west side facility) where numerous houseboats and RV's were parked (Mr. Rutz indicated that they also worked on RV's because they have a lot of similar systems/parts compared to houseboats). The back parking lot (east side facility) was paved and had storm drain drop inlets that discharge to an unnamed drainage that eventually discharges to the Feather River. This area had numerous pollutants of concern exposed to storm water such as an above ground fuel storage tank (with no secondary containment drain plug inserted allowing any contact water to immediately discharge to the storm drain), unlabeled 55 gal drums with missing bung caps, 5 gal polys, and one gallon paint containers, fuel cans, propane tanks being stored exposed to storm water contact. There was waste/scrap metals that were rusting, there was obvious sign that items had been painted outside directly on the pavement, waste cardboard in the storm drain ditch, pavement staining from unknown origin and a general lack of good housekeeping best management practices. Also observed was a garden hose adjacent to puddled water in this area indicating the possibility of employees washing down this area which would discharge directly to the storm drain system. The front of the business was used to actively work (sandblast, paint, weld, clean, service, repair) houseboats and RV's. I observed actively painting on a houseboat pontoon without any ground tarps deployed, both of the painters had on protective clothing. There was residual sand blast material underneath and adjacent to a pontoon that had recently been sandblasted. There was a large catch container with what appeared to be waste oil next to a ground cover tarp that had not been deployed and in another area an even larger catch container had waste oil in it with a spill that was not cleaned up. The majority of this area is paved and exhibited numerous stains of paint. There were 55 gallons drums labeled "Bad Gas & "Bad Oil"" yet did not have any hazardous waste labeling. It is unknown what is done with the waste fuels/oils and sandblast residuals. I observed an employee actively welding and an accumulation of welding waste that was on the paved ground surface. I observed numerous garden hoses in the front area that most likely are used for cleanups. Mr. Hill has been sent 3 letters requesting that he obtain ISWP coverage. He has agreed to do so by April 30, 2012.